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SUBJ: QUEENSLAND SENATOR DROPPED FROM MINISTRY FOR
PRO-APATHEID STATEMENTS

REF: CANBERRA 8866

1. ON DECEMBER 21 PRIME MINISTER FRASER DROPPED SENATOR GLEN SHEIL FROM HIS NEWLY ANNOUNCED MINISTRY BECAUSE OF SHEIL'S STRONG PRO-APARTHEID AND PRO-RHODESIAN PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN WHICH SHEIL WENT SO FAR AS TO SUGGEST THAT "SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT" MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR AUSTRALIA'S ABORIGINES. IN A STRONG STATEMENT REAFFIRMING THE GOA'S COMPLETE OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID, FRASER SAID: "ANY POLICY BASED ON THE BELIEF THAT ONE RACE IS SUPERIOR TO ANOTHER IS AN AFFRONT TO HUMAN DIGNITY AND TO THE WELL-BEING OF MANKIND, AND MUST BE CONDEMNED."

2. FORTUNATELY FOR THE GOVERNMENT, SENATOR SHEIL HAD NOT YET BEEN SWORN IN AS A MINISTER BECAUSE PARLIAMENT WILL HAVE TO PASS LEGISLATION AFTER IT RECONVENES IN FEBRUARY 1978,
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PERMITTING THE GOA TO INCREASE ITS MINISTRY FROM 27 MEMBERS TO 28. SENATOR SHEIL WILL PROBABLY BE REPLACED BY ANOTHER NCP MEMBER WITH LESS PRONOUNCED VIEWS ON CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECTS.
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